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PRIOR TO OXIDATIVE DESULFURIZATION (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b)) Express Mail Label No. EV382165965US MS Patent Application **APPLICATION ELEMENTS** Commissioner for Patents ADDRESS TO: See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents. P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17) (Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing) CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix) Applicant claims small entity status. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission 8. See 37 CFR 1.27. (if applicable, all necessary) [Total Pages 33 Х Specification Computer Readable Form (CRF) (preferred arrangement set forth below)
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 Brief Summary of the Invention **ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS** - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed) 9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s)) Detailed Description - Claim(s) 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement 10. - Abstract of the Disclosure (when there is an assignee) 4. X Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 11. English Translation Document (if applicable) Information Disclosure Copies of IDS 5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 12. Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations a. X Newly executed (original or copy) 13. **Preliminary Amendment** Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed) Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) 14. (Should be specifically itemized) Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) 15. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)** (if foreign priority is claimed) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent. 16. see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b). 17. Other: Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76 18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76: Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: Prior application information: Examiner For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts. 19. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS Customer Number: OR Correspondence address below JENKENS & GILCHRIST, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION Name John R. Kirk, Jr. 5 Houston Center Address 1401 McKinney, Suite 2700 City Houston State TX Zip Code 77010 Country US Telephone (713) 951-3300 Fax (713) 951-3314 Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) John R. Kirk, Jr. Name (Print/Type) 24,477 Signature Date March 31, 2004

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